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AT last the political disabilities of Gen. Robert Toombs have been removed.

POLYGAMY must go, but it insists on taking a deal of time to pack up and get ready

What with free ships for the nation and ampesty for J. Davis, Senator Beck is in a fair way to have a busy winter.

Ture (concelests are at it again. They say now it wasn't "the saddle of his uncle" after all. Thus vanishes another sweet

In making Christmas gifts to those who are not "in easy circumstances" the utili-tarian should take precedence of the

In making such preparation as they have made to come into the Union the people of Dakota have not violated any law, fundamental or statutory.

Turn iron business is steadily improving Manufacturers need not be disturbed by threats of the tariff tinkers. The Senate is Republican by eight majority.

Missov ni was accidentally printed for Mississippi in a paragraph in the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN yesterday. All the voting is not done by one side in the former state.

Ir the good sense shown by Parson Downs, of Boston, in retaining Gen. Butler to defend him had been exercised in his relations with Mrs. Taber he would not have had oceasion to hire a lawyer. PHILADELPHIA is slowly convalescing

from a violent attack of "the kirmes" which we suppose, from the lurid description given in the papers of that city, is something like an enormously exaggerated St. Vitus's dance. THOSE newspapers which assert that a de-

sire to facilitate corrupt legislation is the chief motive of those who advocate the proposed changes of House rules are not only guilty of gross and wholesale calumny, but practically condemn representative

DENIAL of admission to Dakota would be simply an outrage on a great, intelligent, and progressive community. No party can oppose Dakota's the Democracy has done many things that it could not afford.

MANY thousands of dollars will be exsended by our readers in Christmas purchases during the next seven days. The ndvertising columns of the NATIONAL RE-PUBLICAN should be carefully consulted before starting out on a purchasing tour.

the demise of Gen. Robert Toombs, remarks that he "will not be missed," except by his personal acquaintances. Borrowing a phrase from "the Lord High Executioner" on such a solemn occasion is a piece of levity illbefitting the customary dignity of our Dem-

PROPOUND respect for the United States Senate, and a sincere desire that its dignity may be preserved unimpaired, prompts the suggestion that it swing itself into secret session with graceful agility whenever it feels compelled to do such a malodorous job of family washing as that to which it addressed itself on the 15th instant.

The grand fair to be given by the Israel-Ites of the national capital next mouth promises to be one of the great events of the winter. In that spirit of universal brotherhood which characterizes the progressive elements of the American people all our citizens are manifesting a lively interest in this happily chosen method of ac complishing good results.

THE New York Herald's Atlanta corre spondent sends that paper a report of au interview he had very recently with Robert Toombs, of Georgia, who died on Wednesday unreconciled to the government of the United States, which he pronounced "a temporary concern, at best." Mr. Toombs in this interview attributes the downfall of the confederacy to "the absolute inefficiency at Richmond," for which he pronounces Jefferson Davis responsible, styling him "a very small military man," "crazy over his West Point martinets," and "as jealous as a Barbary ben."

Tun clergymen of Hartford have decided evil." That depends on the kind of Sun day papers one takes. We fear these good brethern have been reading some of the wicked Sunday papers. Seriously, however, there is a strong prejudice in very respectable and influential circles against is suing any newspaper on the day generally set apart for devotion and rest. For this reason, as for others equally potential, the shrewd advertiser avails himself of the columns of issues for secular days if he wishes to reach Sunday-keeping, church-going

A VERY important subject, to which the NATIONAL REPUBLICAN has repeatedly called attention, is treated in the bill pro-sented yesterday by Senator Ingalis "to provide for determining the existence and en eval of inability of the President to discharge the powers and duties of his office " At this time there is no law relating to the

leaves it wide or en. If a President were to could still hold on to his office. Impeachment is the only way of effecting an invol untary removal. To provide for the lawful etermination of the existence and the essetion of inability is the imperative duty which Mr. Ingalis's bill is intended to perform. We shall take another occasion to speak of the details of this extremely important measure.

Still Talking on the Rules.

General debate on the proposed rules for the House of Representatives continues, with little prospect of an early conclusion In this, as in all other matters, the old evil tendency of congressmen to excessive in-dulgence in speech-making is a more serious impediment to business than any of the abuses that were tolerated under the old rules or will be eliminated from the new

It is cheerfully conceded that no questio of public interest should be decided until both sides have had a fair hearing. All arguments of weight on both sides should be clearly stated. But the custom in our national House of Representatives is for one member after another to go over the same ground in almost endless procession, each stating the things that were stated by the last speaker on his side, and each citing DIME MUSEUM-Wm. H. Rightmore and Clara about the same documentary evidence that is predecessor cited.

If any reader of the NATIONAL REPUBLI-AN has a doubt on this point let him take volume of the Congressional Record and turn to some great debate, for instance, as that on the tariff dur-ing the first session of the fortyeighth Congress. In two or three of the hundred or more of speeches delivered, or printed on leave, he will find all the points, all the facts, about all the illustrations, and quite all the conclusions contained in the whole lot. A good newspaper condenser, working them down to their actual worth, would eliminate not less than 95 per cent. of the mass.

It is this everlasting flow of talk that, more than all other causes combined, makes the needful work of Congress next to impossible of performance, and unless this growing abuse can be checked it will be necessary for that body to continue in session throughout the year, or have night sessions "for debate only" from the beginning to the end of a session.

That the subject now before the House of Representatives is one of great importance is a self-evident proposition, for not only the character of the work which the fortyninth Congress will do, but the amount of almost indispensable business it will leave undone, depends on the rules which it adopts as a result of the present discus-

There appears to be little opposition to my of the proposed reforms except that which aims to facilitate the proper con; sideration and prompt disposal of the appropriation bills. This is foolishly construed into an attack on Mr. Randall, for the reason that he has, for some time, been chairman of the appropriations committee and will probably be assigned to that post of duty when the committees of the present House are made up.

We can see no necessity for considering the proposition as an attack on any man or a mark of disrespect to any committee. It appears that a majority of the people's representatives are convinced that, for the sake of wise economy in the expenditure of public funds and greater expedition in doing the work expected at their hands, they should take the course agreed upon by Messrs Morrison, Carlisle, Reed, and Hiscock, and not the plan which suits Mr. Ran-

The New York World, whose editor is a member of the House, opposes the change. It doubts the necessity of removing "such judicious safeguards as the wisdom of Congress has thought proper to provide against. inexpedient appropriations of the public moneys in order to protect the majority of the House in its natural rights."

If we understand the majority of the committee they propose greater "safeguards" than have heretofore existed 'against inexpedient appropriations," and for that reason mainly we favor the change. The custom has been for the chairman of up, after consultation with department officials, and his work has been, as a rule, perfunctorily indorsed by the subcommittee and the whole committee. Far greater care and much more thorough work is expected under the plan proposed. The men most likely to see where reforms and retrenchments can be made will be in charge of each bill. And, what is of the greatest importance, the mob legislation which has disgraced the last hours of almost every session for many years will be avoided by having the work so well advanced that there will be no occasion for reckless haste. The World appears to be enamored of the English method of making appropriations,

but our entire system of law-making is radically different from that of the English -so different that pertinent parallels can-

ELECTRICITY is certainly coming to the relief of the horse, if, indeed, the arrival has not already occurred. In proof of this take the statement that the city of Baltimore "has a street railway two and a half miles long, with several curves and with grades running as high as 330 feet to the mile. On this road two electric motors are now running regularly, the duty of each being about seventy-five miles a day. There is no trouble in wet weather, and the two motors do the work of thirty horses at no greater expense." When the progress of invention shall have cheapened the generation of this motive power the street railway horse will be relegated to other and, let us hope, less onerous duties. We are particularly concerned about the "hill horse," the animal that is always helping others over hard places and leads a life uncheered by any joy except that which comes

There is a natural feeling of indignation among parents in this city at the scolding administered by Judge Snell to the bereaved family of little Becky Bunyea in dismissing the case against the driver of the car which killed her. The facts of the case seem to have been that the child, a remarkably bright and beautiful girl of seven years, was on her way to or from school, and while the driver may not have been criminally careless, there could certainly be no blame attached to the parents for not having a care-taker with their child. Judge Snell seems to have the unhappy faculty, while in the main fair in his decisions, of saying the wrong thing at a peculiarly unfortunate time. He first sets the labor element in violent array against him, and now makes an enemy of every mother. And, withal, he is as tender-hearted a gen-

THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN feels authorfixed to assure the Washington Post, likewise Senator Butler, in strict confidence, that the Dakota legislature is not 'an sttempt to overawe and intimidate the Congress of the United States so that that body shall immediately pass an act admitting Dakota as a state." Neither is it "a bold attempt to gain statehood in

tleman as ever shipped petty offenders to

defiance of the fundamental law of the land," It is simply a making ready to walk in, respectfully and in good form, when the loor is open, as it will be very soon unless a Democratic House decides to set up the maxim, "No more Republican states."

THE New York Sun states editorially that the production of highly deceptive and preessessing artificial eggs is a growing industry. There is one sure test of the genalneness of an egg-a bad one will not hatch. It is to be regretted, however, although it is not our fault, that the value of this test to the culinary art is impaired by the fact that incubation is a slow process, and, besides, a hatched egg is uscless in pantry.

The safe and wholesome way to legislate s to let every distinct proposition stand on its own merits, or fall by its lack of merit. To pull a doubtful or bad measure through by hitching it on to one that is indispensable is an old but condemnable method. Although it has existed ever since the government was formed, it has never been de

THE Staten Island banquet to President Garrett, of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. last night, was a grand and appropriate demonstration in honor of the advent of that great railway in the commercial emporlum of the United States.

Ir Congress should pass a prohibitory law for the District of Columbia and still keeps its own saloons running in the capitol, what fortunes would be made by the proprietors of the Senate and House restau-"Ex-PRESIDENT" FILDEN should be able

his close friend John Bigelow to be assistant treasurer of New York. It was the great popularity of their candidate, and not the influence of the federal administration, that enabled the Boston

o smile with even more, if possible, than

als wonted sweetness on the nomination of

Democrats to roll up a big majority for Mayor O'Brien. The true policy for the government is to construct and own such buildings as it needs. It has wasted too much money in

Turne is force in the suggestion of Sena tor Edmunds that each new Congress should organize when its predecessor dies.

renting structures ill-adapted to its pur-

GEN. FRANZ SIGEL'S appointment to the New York pension agency will do extremely well.

THE Mormons will fuss and fume and fret with foolish fury, but will not fight.

AMUSEMENTS.

BOCCACCIO IN GERMAN. There was a brilliant performance of Von suppe's tuneful opera of "Boccaccio" at the Na-ional last evening by the Thalia Opera Company. The first scene closes with the citizen's pany. The Brist scene closes with the Citizen's chorus and a bonfire made of Bocaccie's books. The second scene shows the adjoining gardens of the cooper and the grocer. Here the famous coopers' chorus was excellently rendered. The closing scene shows an interior in the Ducal Palace at Florence. Lory Stubel, who took the part of Boccaccio, made her first appearance in this engagement. She is a cantatrice of high ability, has a magnificent stage appearance; and took the role with dignity, grace, and clan. She received repeated encores. Otto Meyer as Pietro and a light role, Conrad Junker as the cooper did himself justice, and Emmy Mellert, his wife, had an of night, as the role did not employ her full lowers. Miss highander was a sweet and huncful Flametta, Mrs. Habrich took the grocer's wife, and embroidered the part with some applicating business, and Max Lube, in the role of the grocer, shared the honors of the eyening with Lory Stubel. The sextette chorus in the third act received two recalis. Lory Stubel will appear in "Die Fledermaus" on Friday night.

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CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY."

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SENATE.

In the Senate the chair appointed Messrs, Manderson, Hawley, and Gorman to serve on the printing committee. Resolutions passed by American citizens in the City of Mexico in regard to the death of Vice Prosident Hendricks were laid before the Senater Secular Peck's resolution of inquiry in regard to consultar fees alleged to be received from foreign countries, &c., was referred to the committee on commerce. Senator Butler offered and asked immediate consideration of a resolution, inquiring by what authority any body of men pretended to be the legislature of Idaho. Laid over. A resolution by Mr. Hale was agreed to, calling for information in regard to all claims disallowed by the treasury. A message was received from the President, transmitting information in regard to the Cheyenne Indians, and asking authority to apply certain funds for their relief. Messrs, Maxey, Bock, Edmunds, Hosr, Morgan, and Call discussed the presidential succession bill. After a short executive season the Senate adjourned.

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The drowne, of Indiana, and King, of Louisians, offered further amendments to the rules, which were referred to the committee on rules. The debate on the report of the committee was resumed. Mr. Herbert favored the general plan of revision, but opposed the distribution leature. Mr. Hiscock delivered a powerful speech in favor of the report as an entirety. Mr. Holman argued in opposition to the report. Mr. Wellborn, of Texas, favored the distribution feature. Mr. Hount, of Georgia, liought the remedy for the evils sought to be cured was in taking from the appropriations committee the power to ingrat legislation upon appropriation bills. The general debate continues to-day.

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It was a Methodist parson this time, and an oblic one at that the finited that it would be nice to go to Europe, as his throat trouble was getting worse, but the good deacons saw through the whole scheme, sent for a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and consequently now enjoy a good sermon, delivered in a good, clear tone.

Seventy-Two Disappointed Men Fifty-four of the seventy-three persons e amined in the recent examination for appoin ments in the city postoffice reached 65 per cent, two obtained 97, one 98, and one 95. Albert L. Smith, one of the four bighest, has been ap pointed to a cleriship in the office.

PERSONALITIES.

SENATOR MITCHELL, of Oregon, arrived at he Ebbitt last evening. SENATOR STANFORD and family are at 1701 K street, the Brady mausion. Hon, M. T. M. MAHON and Hon, William R.

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